



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Milwaukee County Supervisor - 9th District

Dear neighbor,

As you may already be aware, Hales Corners pool will be closed for the entire 2021 season due to the ongoing shortage of lifeguards.

The Parks Department came before the County Board's [Personnel Committee](#) last week to present a report on staffing at county pools. The Parks Department explained that they currently only have four "head lifeguards" for this summer. This means that only four pools can be open because each facility needs a head lifeguard to serve as a manager on duty. Head lifeguards must be experienced, and new recruits are not allowed to serve as head lifeguards.

The lifeguard shortage is not unique to Milwaukee County. Communities across the country are also experiencing a similar shortage of lifeguards. The Parks Department has also cited their inability to do in-person outreach and recruitment due to the COVID-19 pandemic as one factor in the limited number of applicants for lifeguard positions. Nonetheless, I am very disappointed that the Parks Department has been unable to attract enough lifeguards to keep all pools open throughout the County Parks system, given that we have been aware of these trends in lifeguard recruitment for some time.

I know that Hales Corners Pool is a highlight and a lifeline of this community. I have worked diligently to get Hales Corners Pool reopened, including personally recruiting young people in the community to become lifeguards. Unfortunately, these potential lifeguards would not be allowed to work at Hales Corners Pool and were told that they would have to work at pools far away from home.

Because Hales Corners Pool will not be open this year, I would like to inform you that the following pools will be open for the summer: Cool Waters Aquatic Park (2028 S 124th St, West Allis, WI 53227), Wilson Park Pool (4001 S 20th St, Milwaukee, WI 53221), Sheridan Park Pool (4800 S Lake Dr, Cudahy, WI 53110), and David F. Schulz Aquatic Center (1301 W Hampton Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53209) will be open. There will also be a number of [splash pads and wading pools](#) open throughout Milwaukee County including one at Pulaski Park (5400 S Swift Ave, Cudahy, WI 53110).

I will continue to work to make sure that Hales Corners Pool will be open for the entirety of the swimming season in 2022.

Thank you,

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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